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Situation Report Flash Flooding June 30, 2007, 5pm

SUMMARY

Heavy rain has affected portions of west central Missouri since Wednesday morning. The latest complex entered Missouri from Kansas during the overnight hours. On Saturday, 3"-5" was dumped in this same area causing rapid rises of numerous streams and rivers. Near record flooding is now being forecast for some areas along the South Grand Rivers and Big Creek basins southeast of Kansas City. A few people have evacuated their homes, and numerous roads have been closed. Rain remains in the forecast for the affected area through tonight. In addition, severe weather is now a threat in southwest Missouri, as a tornado touched down in Polk County.

County Reports

Bates County—Six people have been evacuated from their homes, with some of those people being rescued from roofs. Water has risen to within a foot of Highway 71 south of Butler. The road to the Butler water treatment plant is under water, although the facility remains operational. Street flooding was reported in Rich Hill.

Cass County—A voluntary evacuation was put into place on Saturday in Lake Annette, a community located near the South Grand River north of Freeman. City of Harrisonville reported street flooding on Friday.

Henry County—Roads are closed throughout the county. National Weather Service predicts near-record flooding on South Grand River near Urich and Big Creek near Blairstown.

Jackson County—Officials report six roads were closed on Saturday, but no homes were affected.

Johnson County—Five families were back in their homes on Saturday, after rising water had threatened their homes on Friday. Officials report the Blackwater River is dropping, but Big Creek is rising in the south part of the county. Officials are closely watching some houses near La Tour for potential evacuation.

Polk County—Officials estimate 4+" of rain fell on Friday. A tornado destroyed a barn southwest of Bolivar on Saturday. Officials estimate 10 miles of roads have been damaged.

St Clair County—Officials report several low-water crossings were closed on Saturday, but no homes were affected. They continue to monitor the situation.

Weather

National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a tornado watch for southwest Missouri through 8pm. Flash flood watches remain in effect for much of west-central and southwest Missouri through Sunday. Widespread heavy rain with amounts of 2"-3" is expected south of Highway 50 and west of Highway 65 through the night.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.